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MEMORANDUM FOR FILES

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SUBJECT: Discussion on Requirements (primarily as they relate to OSO)

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1. Two types of Requirements were given fairly detailed but incomplete consideration:

(a) The assembly of questions from all intelligence producing units with respect to a given country for transmittal to OSO to be used in planning purposes for developing an operation. (It was thought that "guide requirements" should not be considered for the most part as different from this type of requirement).

(b) Spot questions for information collection.

2. With respect to type (a), it is understood that OSO has asked OCD to collect from the intelligence producing units of the Government such questions. Upon the receipt by OCD of these contributions the Agency will be faced by the need for their review and editing as well as an indication for the benefit of OSO of the relative importance of the various questions (this has been done by ORR in the past). It is believed that at the moment there is no single point having functional responsibilities for review and editing. This should be done on an interagency basis (possibly through an informal committee). OCD will inform OIC when all contributions have been received in order that OIC may initiate interagency consultation as necessary to determine priority.

3. With respect to type (b), namely, spot requests, it was recognized that:

a. There needs to be an increase in the flow of questions for collection to OSO to more completely utilize its existing collection system.

b. That these questions need to be generally improved.

c. That improvement can stem from OSO initiating the education of the analysts regarding the collection potential.

4. Questions raised but which will be examined later are the nature of OCI requirements in general and evaluation of OSO reports.

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